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#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

##### **Tuesday, Feb. 10**

Public Safety	9 am
Parks	10 <sup>30</sup> am
Executive Matters	1pm

##### **Wednesday, Feb. 11**

Budget	9am
Public Works	1pm

##### **Thursday, Feb. 12**

Zoning and Planning	9 am
Transportation	1 pm
IGA	2:30p

##### **District 3 Staff**

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## **COUNCILMEMBER IKAIKA ANDERSON DISTRICT 3 UPDATE FEBRUARY 2015**

### **Kalaheo Hillside Sale**

Many of you may be aware that the City owns a parcel of land on the Kalaheo hillside that is approximately 10 acres and is zoned R-7.5.

In 2006, when the Hanemann administration was looking at prospective sites for the development of affordable housing, this parcel was identified as an eligible site due to its zoning and the demand for affordable housing on the Windward side. After an outpouring of community objection this site was removed from consideration. However, no changes were made to the parcel's zoning and it has sat idle in the City's asset portfolio.

I was recently made aware that the current administration is interested in exploring the possibility putting this land up for sale. Of course this raises a whole host of questions that have yet to be answered; any action to begin or even contemplate the sale of City assets requires the consent of the Council. It is my understanding that administration will be asking for a hearing on this matter at the next Council Budget committee meeting in February.

Before we write this sale of as being either a "done deal" or something that cannot be allowed to happen, this should be an opportunity for us: I as your elected representative and you as community members, to see what would be the best use for this land and how that can be achieved. Have we now reached a point where a strict, 100%, affordable housing project is desirable for our community? Would this land better serve our community as another neighborhood park? Should the land be re-zoned to "Preservation" and remain fallow in perpetuity? The questions are endless and at this time, unfortunately, there are no answers.

I encourage you to share your thoughts with me and look forward to hearing the administration's proposal later this month. Rest assured, the sale of City property—especially a parcel as large and controversial as this—is a long process with a lot of opportunities for public input. As more information becomes available I will be sure to share it with you.

### **Rail—"Shortfalls" and "Deficits"**

This year got off to a very rough start for Honolulu's rail project. The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) announced in January announced that the project was now facing a financing shortfall ranging from \$560M—\$710M.

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That figure, as presented to the Council and the public, did not include the \$210M in “5307” monies; federal formula funds that the City receives for its public transportation system that has historically been used for TheBus. The absence of this additional \$210M was curious as both previous Councils and the administration had publicly committed to ensuring that the 5307 funds would NOT be diverted to the rail project.

HART’s argument for not including the loss of the \$210M in 5307 in the overall shortfall figure was, in my opinion, purely semantics. If both the policy-making body of the City and the administration have said that those funds will not be available and HART included those funds in their budget then there exists, for all intents and purposes, a \$210M deficit which should be included in the overall shortfall. Recalculated, the projected shortfall now stands at \$760M—\$920M. A rather large figure.

Now there are a lot of unknowns regarding this shortfall. First and foremost it is, at this time, still a projection. Secondly, HART is continuing to work with Federal government to see where savings can be found and over the next several months we will be closely watching to see how those cost-saving endeavors pan out. Thirdly, we have to wait and see how the legislature will respond to the City and HART’s request to modify the G.E.T. surcharge.

In the meantime, several members of the City Council and staff will be meeting with the FTA later this month to get a clear and direct understanding of what options the City can realistically consider. Can we actually consider defaulting on our contract with the federal government and terminate the project? What would be the immediate and future costs to Honolulu’s taxpayers? Can we look at revising the scope of the project? Can we change the technology? Can we re-purpose the guideway for some other use? While history and previous discussions with the FTA tell us the answer to all of the above is an affirmative “NO”, we cannot assume that is still the case. As your elected officials we have a responsibility to explore all options.

Once we have had an opportunity to meet with the FTA and get the answers to these and many other questions we will be in far better position to identify the best and most practical solution.

### **Update on B&B/TVU legislation**

Last month I made a public call for ideas and suggestions on legislation to address the continuing problem with illegal B&B’s and TVU’s. I was honestly surprised at the number of emails and calls my office received. I was equally surprised to see such a wide range of ideas and positions on these issues.

My office is now beginning to pull all the comments and suggestions together to help develop legislation based, in large part, on the comments received. Once the draft legislation is prepared it will be introduced and we can begin public discussion on this island-wide issue. It is my hope that the draft legislation will be ready for introduction in mid-March.

Mahalo,  
Ikaika

### **ROAD RE-PAVING UPDATES**

Very frequently, we receive calls from our constituents inquiring about the status of a road re-paving project. Earlier this year the City setup an online database that provides a listing of both current and future road repaving projects. As this list is maintained on a regular basis it is an excellent resource for anyone interested in road repaving projects anywhere on the island. Please visit the following website:

**[http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/ddc/ddc\\_docs/Street\\_List\\_Web\\_Layout\\_Report\\_20140909.pdf](http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/ddc/ddc_docs/Street_List_Web_Layout_Report_20140909.pdf)**

It is also important to remember that when the City issues a contract for an area to be repaved, the contractor has the discretion to determine the order in which roads—within the scope of their contract—will be paved. If you should have any questions regarding road repaving projects please do not hesitate to contact my office!